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## **RNA HOLDINGS LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

### **FORMATION OF STRATEGIC ALLIANCE IN THE PRC AND PROPOSED ISSUE OF CONVERTIBLE BONDS**

The Board announces that the Company entered into an agreement with 全國華聯商廈聯合有限責任公司 (National Integrated Company of Hualian Commerce Buildings, Ltd.) on 26 June, 2002 for the formation of a strategic alliance to further expand the gold and jewellery operations in the PRC. Pursuant to the agreement, the Company will grant to the alliance the use of the brandname of “RNA” and to provide management expertise and 全國華聯商廈聯合有限責任公司 (National Integrated Company of Hualian Commerce Buildings, Ltd.) will identify and coordinate suitable stores in the Hualian Commercial Buildings for operation of gold and jewellery chain stores, and both the Company and 全國華聯商廈聯合有限責任公司 (National Integrated Company of Hualian Commerce Buildings, Ltd.) will receive management fees from such operations.

全國華聯商廈聯合有限責任公司 (National Integrated Company of Hualian Commerce Buildings, Ltd.) was established in 1994 and became the core enterprise of the Hualian Group. At present, the Hualian Group is made up of 47 member units concentrated mainly in the Eastern part of the PRC and the principal activities of the Hualian Group is to operate a chain of department stores and supermarkets.

The Board is also pleased to announce that the Company has entered into the Subscription Agreements with the Subscribers on 26 June, 2002 pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to issue the Convertible Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to HK\$80,000,000 to the respective Subscribers.

The Convertible Bonds are issued at zero coupon with an Initial Conversion Price of HK\$0.10 per Conversion Share with a maturity period of 3 years.

Completion of each Subscription Agreement is conditional upon fulfillment of the conditions listed in the section “Completion” below. None of the Subscription Agreements is conditional upon completion of the others.

The Conversion Shares to be issued pursuant to the conversion and in satisfaction of any redemption of the Convertible Bonds will be issued under the general mandate given to the Directors at the special general meeting of the Company held on 17 June, 2002. The Company will apply to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Conversion Shares which may fall to be issued pursuant to the Convertible Bonds.

Trading in the Shares was suspended at the request of the Company with effect from 2:30 p.m. on 26 June, 2002 pending the release of this announcement. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in the Shares with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 27 June, 2002.

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There is no capital commitment for the Company towards the alliance.

全國華聯商廈聯合有限責任公司 (National Integrated Company of Hualian Commerce Buildings, Ltd.) is independent of, and not connected with any of the directors, chief executives or substantial shareholders of the Company or its subsidiaries or their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules).

### **SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENTS**

The Board is also pleased to announce that the Company has entered into the Subscription Agreements with more than six Subscribers on 26 June, 2002 pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to issue the Convertible Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to HK\$80,000,000 to the respective Subscribers.

Completion of the Subscription Agreements will take place on or before the 7th Business Day after satisfaction of the conditions listed in the section “Completion” below. None of the Subscription Agreements is conditional upon completion of the others.

## **PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE CONVERTIBLE BONDS**

The principal terms of the Convertible Bonds are summarized below:

### **Amount of issue**

up to HK\$80,000,000 in principal amount

### **Initial Conversion Price**

HK\$0.10 per Conversion Share, subject to adjustment

The Initial Conversion Price was determined on an arm’s length basis between the Company and the Subscribers with reference to the par value of HK\$0.10 per Share. Such Initial Conversion Price represents a premium of 108.33% to the closing price of HK\$0.048 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on 26 June, 2002, being the date of the Subscription Agreements. The Initial Conversion Price also represents a premium of approximately 68.07% to the average closing price of the Shares of approximately HK\$0.0595 per Share for the 10 trading-day period ended on 26 June, 2002 (inclusive).

### **Interest**

The Convertible Bonds are zero-coupon bonds.

### **Maturity Date**

The maturity of the Convertible Bonds will be the date following 3 years from the Issue Date and it is expected to be in July 2005. Any unredeemed and unconverted Convertible Bonds will be redeemed at 103% of the outstanding principal amount in cash.

### **Conversion provisions**

The Convertible Bonds are convertible in whole or in part at any time after the Issue Date at the Initial Conversion Price, subject to adjustment. Any partial conversion shall be made in amounts of not less than a whole multiple of HK\$1,000 and no fraction of a Share shall be issued on conversion.

## **Redeemability**

The Bondholders can redeem the Convertible Bonds at any time after the Issue Date up to one week before the Maturity Date by giving the Company redemption request not more than 30 days' notice at the following redemption amount:

- (1) if the redemption request is made within the period of the first 12 months from the Issue Date, the Company may, instead of redeeming the Convertible Bonds in cash, elect to satisfy the redemption by the issue of such number of new Shares as shall equal the quotient of the sum total of (1) the principal amount of the Convertible Bonds to be redeemed and (2) a redemption premium at 100% of such principal amount, divided by the conversion price in effect on the redemption date specified by the Bondholder in the redemption request; or
- (2) if the redemption request is made within the period of the next 12 months commencing from the 13th month and ending on the 24th month from the Issue Date, the Company may, instead of redeeming the Convertible Bonds in cash, elect to satisfy the redemption by the issue of such number of new Shares as shall equal the quotient of the sum total of (1) the principal amount of the Convertible Bonds to be redeemed and (2) a redemption premium at 50% of such principal amount, divided by the conversion price in effect on the redemption date specified by the Bondholder in the redemption request; or
- (3) if the redemption request is made within the period of the next 12 months commencing from the 25th month and ending on the 36th month from the Issue Date, the Company may, instead of redeeming the Convertible Bonds in cash, elect to satisfy the redemption by the issue of such number of new Shares as shall equal the quotient of the principal amount of the Convertible Bonds to be redeemed divided by the conversion price in effect on the redemption date specified by the Bondholder in the redemption request.

The Company shall also have the right (subject to any applicable restrictions in favour of the Bondholders who are the parties to the Subscription Agreements) at any time to redeem the whole or any relevant part of the outstanding Convertible Bonds at the redemption amount which is 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Bonds by giving to the Bondholders 30 days' notice of its intention to make such redemption if the closing price published in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet for one Share for each of the 20 consecutive dealing days ending on the dealing day immediately preceding the issue date of the redemption notice shall be equal to or greater than 150% of the conversion price then in effect.

### Shares issued upon conversion or redemption

Based on an Initial Conversion Price of HK\$0.10 per Conversion Share, the number of Conversion Shares to be issued upon full conversion or in satisfaction of the redemption of all the Convertible Bonds will be as follows:

	<b>Redemption premium</b>	<b>No. of Conversion Shares to be issued</b>	<b>% to existing ordinary share capital</b>	<b>% to enlarged ordinary share capital</b>
Within the first 12 months	100%	1,600,000,000	15.87%	13.70%
From the 13th month ending on the 24th month	50%	1,200,000,000	11.91%	10.64%
From the 25th month ending on the 36th month	0%	800,000,000	7.94%	7.35%

The Conversion Shares, when issued, will rank pari passu with the Shares then in issue.

### Voting

Bondholders will not be entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company.

### Transferability

The Convertible Bonds will be freely assignable or transferable from the Issue Date to any party. A Bondholder shall notify the Company for any transfer of the Convertible Bonds.

The Company undertakes to the Stock Exchange that it will disclose to the Stock Exchange any dealings in the Convertible Bonds by any connected persons or their associates.

### COMPLETION

Completion of the Subscription Agreements is conditional on the following conditions being satisfied:

- (1) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange having granted listing of, and permission to deal in, the Conversion Shares to be issued upon the exercise of Conversion Rights attaching to the Convertible Bonds or in satisfaction of any redemption of the Convertible Bonds pursuant to the conditions;
- (2) none of the warranties having been breached in any material respect (or, if capable of being remedied, has not been remedied), or is misleading or untrue in any material respect; and

- (3) all requisite consents or confirmations of no objection (if necessary) from, or filings at, any governmental or competent authorities for the transactions contemplated hereunder having been obtained by the Company from any third parties or effected by the Company.

Completion of the Subscription Agreements will take place on or before the 7th Business Day after satisfaction of all the conditions listed above, which is expected to be fulfilled on or about 9 July, 2002 (or such later date(s) as may be agreed between the parties to the Subscription Agreements in writing). If any of the above conditions has not been satisfied or waived on or before such date, the Subscription Agreements shall lapse.

### **REASONS FOR THE ISSUE OF THE CONVERTIBLE BONDS**

The proceeds from the issue of the Convertible Bonds will be used to reduce certain existing debts of the Group so as to reduce interest burden, thereby strengthening the Company's financial position. Accordingly, the Board considers that the issue of the Convertible Bonds is in the best interests of the Shareholders.

### **SHARE CAPITAL**

As at the date of this announcement, the issued ordinary share capital of the Company is HK\$1,007,911,236.80 comprising 10,079,112,368 Shares. In addition, there are in issue (a) 10,819,583 convertible preference shares with notional value HK\$5.00 each convertible at the initial conversion price of HK\$0.2418 each (as announced by the Company on 4 April, 2001, 17 April, 2001 and 19 September, 2001) and (b) 67,800,000 convertible preference shares of par value HK\$1.00 each convertible at the initial conversion price of HK\$0.10 each (as announced by the Company on 19 September, 2001).

### **CONVERTIBLE DEBTS OF THE COMPANY**

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has the following convertible debts in issue:

	<b>Coupon rate</b>	<b>Maturity date</b>	<b>Original principal amount</b>	<b>Outstanding principal amount</b>	<b>Date of announcement</b>
5% Notes	5%	28 April, 2003	US\$30,000,000	US\$19,300,000	27 March, 1998, 14 April, 1998, 22 April, 1998 and 28 April, 1998
2% Bonds	2%	6 January, 2005	HK\$116,780,000	HK\$53,900,000	30 November, 2001
Zero Bonds	0%	19 June, 2005	HK\$148,000,000	HK\$50,000,000	14 May, 2002 and 23 May, 2002

## IMPACT ON THE SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY

The effect on the shareholding structure of the Company upon full conversion of the Convertible Bonds are as follows:

**Scenario 1 (Assume full conversion of the Convertible Bonds from the Issue Date to 12th month with redemption premium of 100%)**

	Existing shareholding		Assume full conversion or redemption of the Convertible Bonds		Assume full conversion or redemption of the Convertible Bonds, 5% Notes, 2% Bonds, Zero Bonds and Preference Shares	
	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>%</i>
Falcon	1,017,500	0.01	1,017,500	0.01	1,017,500	0.01
Regent	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.01
Admiralty	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.01
Raymond Chan	123,270,000	1.22	123,270,000	1.06	123,270,000	0.87
Alexander Chan	123,270,000	1.22	123,270,000	1.06	123,270,000	0.87
Subscribers	–	–	1,600,000,000	13.69	1,600,000,000	11.24
Public	9,827,729,868	97.51	9,827,729,868	84.14	12,383,927,341	86.99
	<u>10,079,112,368</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>11,679,112,368</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>14,235,309,841</u>	<u>100.00</u>

**Scenario 2 (Assume full conversion of the Convertible Bonds from the 13th month to 24th month after the Issue Date with redemption premium of 50%)**

	<b>Existing shareholding</b>		<b>Assume full conversion or redemption of the Convertible Bonds</b>		<b>Assume full conversion or redemption of the Convertible Bonds, 5% Notes, 2% Bonds, Zero Bonds and Preference Shares</b>	
	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>%</i>
Falcon	1,017,500	0.01	1,017,500	0.01	1,017,500	0.01
Regent	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.01
Admiralty	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.01
Raymond Chan	123,270,000	1.22	123,270,000	1.09	123,270,000	0.89
Alexander Chan	123,270,000	1.22	123,270,000	1.09	123,270,000	0.89
Subscribers	–	–	1,200,000,000	10.64	1,200,000,000	8.68
Public	9,827,729,868	97.51	9,827,729,868	87.13	12,383,927,341	89.51
	<u>10,079,112,368</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>11,279,112,368</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>13,835,309,841</u>	<u>100.00</u>



**Scenario 3 (Assume full conversion of the Convertible Bonds from the 25th month to 36th month after the Issue Date with no redemption premium)**

	Existing shareholding		Assume full conversion or redemption of the Convertible Bonds		Assume full conversion or redemption of the Convertible Bonds, 5% Notes, 2% Bonds, Zero Bonds and Preference Shares	
	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>%</i>
Falcon	1,017,500	0.01	1,017,500	0.01	1,017,500	0.01
Regent	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.01
Admiralty	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.02	1,912,500	0.01
Raymond Chan	123,270,000	1.22	123,270,000	1.13	123,270,000	0.92
Alexander Chan	123,270,000	1.22	123,270,000	1.13	123,270,000	0.92
Subscribers	–	–	800,000,000	7.35	800,000,000	5.95
Public	9,827,729,868	97.51	9,827,729,868	90.34	12,383,927,341	92.18
	<u>10,079,112,368</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>10,879,112,368</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>13,435,309,841</u>	<u>100.00</u>

To the best knowledge of the Directors, none of the Subscribers will become a substantial shareholder of the Company assuming the Convertible Bonds are converted in full with redemption premium of 100% based on the Company's issued capital as at the date of this announcement.

**APPLICATION FOR LISTING**

No application will be made for the listing of, or permission to deal in, the Convertible Bonds on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange. The Company will apply to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Conversion Shares which may fall to be issued pursuant to the Convertible Bonds.

**GENERAL**

The Conversion Shares will be allotted and issued pursuant to the general mandate granted to the Directors at the special general meeting of the Company held on 17 June, 2002.

## SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF TRADING IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Trading in the Shares was suspended at the request of the Company with effect from 2:30 p.m. on 26 June, 2002 pending the release of this announcement. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in the Shares with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 27 June, 2002.

## DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

“%”	per cent.
“2% Bonds”	HK\$116,780,000 2% convertible bonds issued by the Company due on 6 January, 2005
“5% Notes”	US\$30,000,000 5% convertible notes issued by the Company due on 28 April, 2003
“Admiralty”	Admiralty Investment Company Limited, a company incorporated in the BVI with limited liability which is wholly and beneficially owned by Alexander Chan
“Alexander Chan”	Mr. Chan Fat Leung, Alexander, the deputy chairman of the Company
“associate(s)”	shall have the same meaning as defined in the Listing Rules
“BVI”	the British Virgin Islands
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Bondholder(s)”	holder(s) of the Convertible Bonds from time to time
“Business Day”	a day (excluding Saturday) on which banks are open for business in Hong Kong
“Company”	RNA Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability and the Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
“Conversion Right”	the right of holder(s) of the Convertible Bonds to convert the whole or part of the principal amount of the Convertible Bonds into Shares subject to the terms and conditions of the Convertible Bonds

“Conversion Shares”	new Shares which will fall to be allotted and issued upon conversion or in satisfaction of any redemption of the Convertible Bonds
“Convertible Bonds”	the convertible bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to HK\$80,000,000 to be issued by the Company under the Subscription Agreements
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“Falcon”	Falcon Investment Company Limited, a company incorporated in the BVI with limited liability which is beneficially owned by Raymond Chan, Alexander Chan and their family members
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK\$”	the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hualian Group”	全國華聯商廈聯合有限責任公司 (National Integrated Company of Hualian Commerce Buildings, Ltd.) and its member units
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
“Initial Conversion Price”	HK\$0.10 per Conversion Share, subject to adjustment
“Issue Date”	the date of issue of the Convertible Bonds
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“Maturity Date”	the date falling 3 years after the Issue Date
“PRC”	The People’s Republic of China
“Preference Shares”	10,819,583 convertible preference shares of par value of HK\$1.00 each with notional value of HK\$5.00 each and 67,800,000 convertible preference shares of par value of HK\$1.00 each
“Raymond Chan”	Mr. Chan Fat Chu, Raymond, the chairman of the Company

“Regent”	Regent Investment Company Limited, a company incorporated in the BVI with limited liability which is wholly and beneficially owned by Raymond Chan
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the existing share capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) for the time being of the Share(s)
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Subscribers”	subscribers of the Convertible Bonds, who are independent of, and not connected with, the directors, chief executive and substantial shareholders of the Company or its subsidiaries or their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules)
“Subscription Agreements”	the conditional subscription agreements entered into between the Company and the Subscribers dated 26 June, 2002 in respect of the subscription of the Convertible Bonds
“US\$”	the lawful currency of the United States of America
“Zero Bonds”	HK\$148,000,000 zero coupon convertible bonds issued by the Company due on 19 June, 2005

By Order of the Board  
**RNA Holdings Limited**  
**Chan Fat Chu, Raymond**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 26 June, 2002

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